

App. No. 10/808,620
Amendment Dated: November 13, 2006
Reply to Office Action of September 11, 2006

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action mailed September 11, 2006 rejected 1-21 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Berstis, U.S. Patent No. 6,785,869(hereinafter "Berstis"). Claims 1, 9, 11 and 16 have been amended. No new matter has been added. The Applicants respectfully present the following for consideration.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Berstis.

With regard to claims 1 and 9, the Office Action states that Berstis teaches the limitations recited within these claims. With regards to claims 3, 10 and 17, the Office Action states that "Berstis shows in figure 8 a window area (search box) (item 804) in which a shorthand term is entered." The Applicants respectfully disagree.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation of Claim 3. As amended Claim 1 recites in part "entering a shorthand term to be defined directly from within a document creation application; wherein entering the shorthand term to be defined directly from within the application comprises entering the shorthand term within a search box."

In contrast, Berstis does not allow a term to be entered within a search box. Berstis only uses a dialog window to show suggestions for words that were not correctly spelled or defined as an acronym. The fact that the search box is not used to enter terms is clearly shown by Berstis at column 7, lines 36-42 where the reference states "At the point in time at which a dialog box similar to window 800 appears, the spell checker tool has scanned the words present in a

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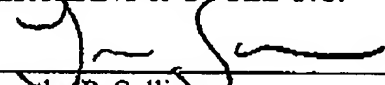
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document window of a word processor in order to determine whether any of the words are misspelled. Words that have not been identified as correctly spelled words or as previously defined acronyms or special terms are presented to the user within window area 804." Since the limitation within amended claim 1 was already included within the previously presented claims, the Applicants submit that no new search is required to address this limitation. As such, since Berstis does not show a search box in which a term may be entered, the Applicants respectfully request that Claim 1 be allowed. Claims 9 and 16 have been similarly amended and are allowable for at least the same reasons.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all pending claims are believed to be allowable and the application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any further issues regarding this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the applicant at the telephone number provided below.

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